(e) and (f) All possible efforts are being made to fill up the existing vacancies at various levels in the Indian Cost Accounts Service. Once the position in this regard improves, the transfer of officers would be regulated in a more systematic manner.

Surrey of West flowing river

337. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Miinister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu Government had made a request in 1987 that a survey of 28 basins of west flowing rivers may be undertaken for solving, water scarcity in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the number of basins in respect of which survey has been completed so far and the action taken thereon; and

(d) by what time the survey of the remaining basins will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) Peninsular River Development component of the National Perspectives include water balance studies of 28 basins| sub-basins of west flowing rivers. The National Water Development Agency under the Ministry of Water Resources has already completed these studies for four basins/sub-basius and it is programmed to complete studies on the remaining basins/sub-basins by the end of VIII Five Year Plan.

Modernisation of Cauvery Delta

338. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken on the Tamil Nadu Government's proposal for modernisation of the Cauvery Delta with World Bank aid for effective utilisation of available water in the Cauvery river; and

(b) the reasons for the delay in the clearance of this proposal which is pending with Central Government since 1983?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The Cauvery Delta Modernisation Project could not be posed to the World Bant for assistance in the absence of an understanding between the riparian States for sharing of the Cauvery waters. •

Economic officers against former President, NCCF

339. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2565 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the Centralised Senior Assessing Officer of Income Tax Department has since completed the indepth investigation and finalised assessments pertaining to former President, NCCF; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir. Investigation in the relevant cases is still in progress.

(b) In view of answer to part (a), does not arise.

Setting up of permanent wage review board for review of pay scales etc. of Central Government Employees

340. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any memorandum/representation from the Central Government employees or their unions for the setting up of a permanent wage review board to periodically review pay scales, allowances and service conditions as recommended by the Fourth Pay Commission;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action in the matter;

(d) if so what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Permanent review board may be set up in consultation with the Staff Side and may also include Staff Side Members.

(c) te (e) The Government has decided to set up a small compact unit in the Ministry of Finance for maintaining and updating the base data of pay and allowances of Government employees and other related matters.

Payment of Arrears of CCA and HRA

341. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1058 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the orders for payment of arrears of CCA and HRA, for the period from 15th January, 1986 to 30th September, 1986 have not been issued so far;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the same are likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT CF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is still under consideration of Government.

Payment of DA Instalment

342. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Wih the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per th* recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission as accepted by Government, the DA instalment which became due on 1st January, 1989 should have been paid with the salary for March, 19SO;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the same has not been paid with the salary for March, 1989;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when the same is likely to be paid; and

(d) whether the price index for the last three months has shown continuous increase and if eo, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter is still under consideration.

(d) No, Sir. The price index numbers for December, 1988, January, 1989 and February, 1989 are 818, 813 and 813 respectively.

SC | ST Employees in various Corporations **under the control of the Ministry of Commerce**

343 . SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the strength of staff in the offices of Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, State Trading Corporation, Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation, Marine Products Export Develop-